# Domestic Geographic Name Report

1 Use this form to recommend a feature name or suggest a name change.	information on the local us	3. On the reverse side of this form give information on the local usage and authority for recommended name.			
2. For features on Federal lands, coordinate requests with the agency (U.S. Forest Service, National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, etc.) For the administrative area in which the land is located.	4. For more information ab Names Information System	or the National t the U.S. Board on	Executive Secretary for Domestic Geographic Names U.S. Geological Survey 523 National Center Reston, VA 22092		
<b>Action Requested</b>					
Proposed New Name: X	Recommended Name:	Creasons Glacier			
Application Change:	State:	Alaska			
Name Change:	County or Equivalent:	Denali Borough			
Other:	Administrative Area:				
Specific Area Covered:  Latitude: 62.865168 Longitude	: -152.107979 (Center, WGS )	34)			
ction(s) 07-09, 16-17, 19-21 Township(s) 32N Range(s) 15W Meridian Seward Elevation 5500 ft  repe of Feature (stream, mountain, populated place, etc.): Glacier  the feature identified (including other names), in the Geographic Names Information System (GNIS)?  es No _X Unknown If Yes, how is it listed?					
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Maps and other sources using r	ecommended name (includin	ng scale and date)			
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Maps and other sources using other name or application (including scale and date)

High Mountain Sports, 2002

 $The\ Scree,\ 2010$ 

Name information such as origin, meaning of the recommended name, historical significance, biographic data (if commemorative), nature of usage or application, or any other pertinent information:

The proposed name commemorates James Franklin Creason (1940-2015), who owned the nearby Grandview Lodge and operated an eco-tourism business there. According to the proposer, a member of the Creason Family, Mr. Creason would collect ice from this glacier to make ice cream he served to guests.

Is the recommended name in local usage? Yes \_\_ No \_X\_ If Yes, approximately how many years? \_\_\_\_

### Is there local opposition to, or conflict with the recommended name (as located)?

The Mountaineering Club of Alaska has submitted a proposal to name the feature "Boulder Glacier," which they have stated is already recognized locally as the feature's name. MCA objected to the proposed name in a 03/10/2021 letter: "On behalf of the approximately-600-member Mountaineering Club of Alaska, I'm responding to your request for comment on the proposals to name a glacier in the Boulder Creek drainage of the Alaska Range as either the Creasons Glacier or the Boulder Glacier." The MCA's Geographic Names Committee notes that the proposed name Boulder Glacier has been in published use since 2002 and that it is directly related to the name of the stream that flows from the glacier. The MCA's Geographic Names Committee also notes that despite having many signatures of people (the majority of whom have probably never seen the feature) who endorse the proposal, the proposed name Creasons Glacier has no evidence of either historic or local use. The proposed name Creasons Glacier is neither descriptive nor historic and not in common use. For these reasons, the MCA's Geographic Names Committee endorses the proposal to name the glacier at the head of Boulder Creek as the Boulder Glacier and objects to the proposal to name the same feature the Creasons Glacier.

#### For proposed new name, please provide evidence that feature is unnamed:

N/A

#### **Additional Information:**

Kevin Creason (proposer)

Requests for comments sent to:

Marty Parsons, State of Alaska, Division of Mining, Land, & Water

Denali Borough – replied on 02/18/2021: "I object the proposed name because in order for the proposed name to fit the commission's criteria under Commemorative Names, evidence of local support is required. The letters of support, while compelling, come from out of State and from Anchorage."

Mountaineering Club of Alaska – replied on 03/10/2021, objecting to the proposal - See "local opposition" section above.

Nikolai Village

McGrath Native Village

Native Village of Cantwell

Tanana Chiefs Conference

Fairbanks Daily News-Miner

Anchorage Daily News

## Mat-Su Frontiersman

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Authority for Recommended Name:	Mailing Address and Telephone		Occupation	Years in Area	

